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- 30. A method according to Claim 18, wherein said tetracycline derivative is administered orally.
- 31. A method according to Claim 18, wherein said tetracycline derivative is administered topically.

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Methods of reducing the risk of cataract development in a mammal are provided and include administering to the mammal an effective amount of a tetracycline derivative. A preferred tetracycline derivative administered according to the methods of the present invention is 6α -deoxy 5-hydroxy-4-dedimethylaminotetracycline.